

Community Drop-in Session Summary
March 12, 2011

Overview

The following is a summary of comments and questions heard at drop-in session held on March 12, 2011 at Casa Del Caffe in Madison Valley. Approximately 35 community members attended the meeting. The purpose was to hear input from the community about the construction schedule and plan for the next phase of work on E Madison Street. The work involves installation of a number of new stormwater inlets, catch basins, pipes by open trenching across E Madison Street at 29th Ave E and just to the east of City People's, as well as open trenching for the installation of a new stormwater pipe on 29th Ave E. from E. Madison St. to E. Roy St.

Two drop-in sessions were held on March 5, 2011 at Casa Del Caffe and on March 11, 2011 at Café Flora in Madison Valley. Summaries of those meetings are also available.

General

- What are the hazards/risks? What can go wrong? The boulders caused delay during tunneling; will that happen again?
 - SPU answered that if boulders are encountered during open-trenching, they can be more easily removed than during tunneling.
- Will the City put residents up in hotels during night work?
 - SPU will work with residents on a case-by-case basis if the noise becomes intolerable.
- Will we have access to our driveways/front doors?
 - SPU answered that access will be maintained.
- One of the reasons we moved to Madison Valley is because of the businesses; we want them to be around for a long time.
- I appreciated having IMCO at the March 11 drop-in session; would like them at future meetings.

Communication and Management

- How will we be notified of the decision to do day or night work?
 - SPU answered that the notification will be provided by email and encouraged all attendees to sign up to the email list.
- Can you hold an additional community meeting to announce specific work plans once the decision is made?
 - SPU answered yes. At the meeting, a follow up meeting was scheduled for March 26, 9:30-11:30 am at Luc Restaurant.
- Please provide a contact person for us to call during night work and make sure response to issues is timely.

Work Schedule and Hours

- When is work planned to start?
 - SPU answered the plan is to start the beginning of the second week in April and be done by Mother's Day (May 8).
- Which days of the week will night work happen?
 - SPU answered that the current plan is Sunday through Thursday, 8 pm – 6 am.
- Can hours of work be broken up such as 8 pm - 11 pm and 6 am - 8 am as a compromise?
 - SPU explained that breaking up the contractor's shift will create some inefficiencies. For example, traffic control will need to be set up and taken down twice each day instead of once.
- Could you work 2 days on, 1 day off, etc. instead of five days in a row?
 - SPU answered that they are open to looking at suggestions but this will still create inefficiencies and confusion to the public in terms of parking and traffic restrictions.
- Could you work 4 nights per week instead of five? As a community, this would be better, even if it extends work by one week.
 - SPU answered that they would seriously consider this option as a compromise.
- Can IMCO add more crews to expedite the work?
- What type of work/noise will occur at night?
 - SPU answered that noise at night will not be the same as during the day because the work is different from the tunneling work. The loudest work will be pavement breaking and it will occur between 8 pm and 10 pm.
 - During pavement breaking, the contractor will use saw cutting to reduce noise from jack hammering and quieter back up alarms on trucks.
- Will all pavement breaking be done before 10 pm?
 - SPU answered yes.
- What will happen after 10 pm?
 - SPU answered that excavation, pipe installation and back filling will be the main construction activities after 10 pm. Community members can expect bright construction lighting as well as noise from generators, large trucks and equipment.
- Will daytime work also happen during the period of night work?
 - SPU answered that daytime work will likely be minimal and will likely only occur at the tank site in Washington Park. Actual daytime work depends on availability of the contractor's crews.
- When will open-trench work happen on 29th Ave E?
 - SPU answered that it will be daytime work and will happen after the E Madison St work.
- When will pavement restoration at the intersection of 28th Ave E and E Madison St happen?

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- SPU answered that it will either happen before the E Madison St work or with the E Madison St pavement restoration. In order to minimize traffic impacts, pavement restoration will occur one lane at a time, using a concrete that will cure in 24 hours.
- Day work on E Madison St will put us out of business.
- We have been feeling the growing pains of the Madison Valley area. It's good that we are growing and we support this project, but we want the work done quickly.
- What will happen if the work is not done in the planned three week timeframe?
- Can SPU get permission from SDOT to allow work later on E Madison St, instead of having to be off the street by 6 am and by 3 pm?
 - SPU will look into this.

Noise and Vibration

- During night work, how many generators will be running at once?
 - SPU estimated four to six.
- What can be done to make generators quieter?
 - SPU will look into noise dampening walls that will minimize (but not eliminate) noise from generators.
- Will noise at night be monitored?
 - SPU answered yes, a noise inspector will be on site to monitor noise each night.
- How much vibration will occur and when?
 - SPU answered that vibration will not be as severe as it was during removal of the shoring in the tunneling shafts, but some vibration should be expected during pavement breaking (8 pm -10 pm).

Parking and Traffic

- Businesses need to have delivery/load zones maintained during construction.
- Will buses be detoured?
 - SPU answered that bus detours should be minimal, but may occur during repaving.

Questions and Comments from Comment Forms

The following verbatim comments and questions were received at the March 12 drop-in session via hand-written comment forms.

- [I live in Madison Valley]. "Construction on Madison at night means I will be awake at night."
- [I live in Madison Valley; I prefer day work]. "I live at 29th and Madison and would like to be able to sleep at night. The construction over the last 8 months has really been a major obstruction."

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- [I live in Madison Valley; I prefer day work]. "I live in Madison Valley and would like to be able to sleep at night. I would like the work to be done during the day in respect to those of us that live in the area."
- [I live in Madison Valley; I live or own a business near a shaft; I prefer day work]. "I would prefer that the work be conducted during the day, even during the day on weekends. I live at Madison Lofts and we have been significantly impacted by the project, to include: an accident (i.e. tree fall) that damaged our building and continual work/noise and interruptions around the building. We still have not been reimbursed for the damage to the building. The interruption caused by the project will intrude on the peace and enjoyment of all of our residents, many of our residents have not been able to sleep through the night. This is all likelihood will become greater in terms of noise pollution and air pollution (engine smell, etc.). I would ask you to consider minimizing noise and other nuisances (smells, lights, etc.) and/or limiting the construction during the day, during the normal work hours. In your communications to residents, please specify: 1) what work will be conducted and during what hours; 2) who will be responsible for addressing concerns during construction (particularly at night); 3) A progressive list of options should complaints require remedying; 4) Frequent and regular updates on the progress of the project, including delays."
- [I live in Madison Valley; I use Washington Park; I prefer day work]. "I think the night noise is going to bring a lot of complaints and that the neighbors were not given enough notice about the meetings. It seems like the night work is already decided and if it finished the project sooner, we are residents want contact names and noise abatement if we are affected."
- [I live in Madison Valley]. "I live below City People's and across from the Washington Park upcoming construction. It appears that it will be nights but please understand the residents will be affected. It may not be as loud and sleep may not be too hard to come by. I don't like hotels and I have animals so I am stuck at home. Please keep us posted and please keep the people who live here in mind when you make your final decision."